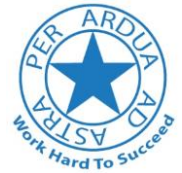


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13th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We now have a defibrillator

You may have heard on the news today that the government initiative of providing schools with defibrillators has begun. Garden Suburb Junior School was one of the first schools to get one.

The arrival of the defibrillator this week coincided with our Year 6 pupils learning about the heart and the circulatory system in Science.

As part of their learning, one of the questions they are asked to consider is 'what happens if the heart stops'. It was relevant to discuss with the children that all schools would now be getting a defibrillator due to the recent government initiative. The children watched a British Heart Foundation video on what a defibrillator does.

As defibrillators are becoming more visible and available, it is important that we are all educated about them and how they could save a life. Moving forward we will continue to incorporate a discussion about defibrillators into the children's learning about Science and First Aid. Staff will also receive training. This knowledge will hopefully contribute to saving a life in the future.

Industrial Action

You will no doubt have heard on the news about planned strikes in the UK, by school teachers. The first is due to take place on Wednesday 1st February, followed by three more possible dates on the 2nd, 15th and 16th March. You may not realise that these strikes are about the issue of funding for schools, as well as school teacher pay. These are both issues that have had a major impact on our school, and our school teachers.

We are hoping that the need for industrial action will be averted before the planned strike days, but you will need to be aware that the schools are likely to need to close on Wednesday 1st February, and the subsequent days, if the strikes go ahead.

We will, of course, keep you updated as soon as we can.

Staffing News

Mr McGwinn, teacher for class 5G and our PE Co-ordinator, will be on paternity leave until 30th January following the safe delivery of his baby daughter. During Mr McGwinn's absence, Miss James will be covering the class.

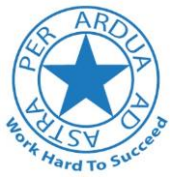
Dates for your diary

- **Year 4 Class Assemblies - Parents invited to attend.**
Over the course of the year all classes will have an opportunity to perform to their parents.

The Year 4 Class Assemblies are at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall on the following dates:

4J Tuesday 31st January **4S** Tuesday 28th February





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- **PTA Meeting Friday 27th January at 9:00am:** all parents are welcome but would very much like the Class Reps to attend.
- **Art Exhibition – Parents invited to attend**
Years 3 and 4 Exhibition: Monday 6th February from 2:30pm – 4:00pm
Years 5 and 6 Exhibition: Tuesday 7th February from 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

We engage and motivate your children with a wide variety of events that enrich their learning experiences across the curriculum. We put a lot of emphasis on developing the children's 'cultural capital' this way. In addition, these events also support remembering of their learning.

Please see the 'Latest News' on our website for more details on our curriculum events

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/news/?pid=258&nid=2>

- **World Religion Day:** Assembly focused on World Religion Day on Monday. World Religion Day is celebrated annually on the third Sunday of January. The aim of World Religion Day is to promote understanding and peace between all religions and to encourage people to learn about other faiths and their followers
- **Art Exhibition:** This term the children will be focusing on creating a piece of work for our art exhibition which parents/carers are invited to attend. We will also have musicians playing to create a gallery ambiance. The company set up the gallery for us. The pictures are printed professionally and labelled with your child's name and the school logo. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase their child's framed work on the day of the exhibition for £18. It is a memento that you will keep forever! Every picture purchased will earn £1 for the PTA. See below the themes for each year group:

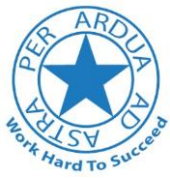
Year 3 focused on the work of Seb Chaumeton, an emerging multi-media artist, fascinated by the effects of doodles associated with modern technology as their main theme to create an outline and then went on to choose felt tip colours to reflect the mood of their piece. Finally, fine liner pens were used to fill in details on their image, such as the eyes or clouds.

Year 4 focused on 'Op Art' which is an abbreviation of the art movement known as 'optical art'. The word optical is used to describe things that relate to how we see.

Artists use shapes, colours and patterns in special ways to create images that look as if they are moving or blurring. In particular, Year 4 have been studying the pieces of 'Op Art' created by Bridget Riley. They used shapes, straight lines, curved lines and patterns to create their own optical illusions.

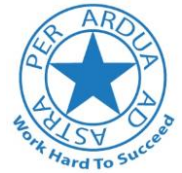
Year 5 focused on the work of Julian Opie, a British modern artist whose art has been described as similar to pop art. His pieces often feature simple, minimally detailed figures with black lines and outlines. He has said that he was influenced by the Tintin cartoons and comics produced by Herge. It was his painted metal





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sculptures that first brought him national attention in the 1980s. He has also had public art projects shown in New York, Tokyo, Prague and further afield.

In 2000, he designed an album cover for the British band Blur's 'Best Of' compilation. He has also created artwork for U2's 'Vertigo' world tour. The Tate has several of Julian Opie's pieces of work in its collection, as does the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. His work includes sculptures, life-sized models and bright portraits which are often digitally generated.

Year 5 studied a range of his portraits and practised imitating his minimalist style. For their final pieces, they chose a unique item to add to their portrait and combined a range of bright colours to express their personality. They used a life-size photograph of their face and shoulders for their outline drawing and then used felt tip to build up the detail, before fine lining to emphasis their features.

Year 6 focused on the work of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama, who is sometimes called 'the princess of polka dots'.

They learnt about her work, in particular how her early life became the inspiration for her starting on her artistic journey. As a child, she stood in a field of flowers and had a vision. The heads of flowers were like dots that went on as far as she could see and she felt as if she was disappearing or as she called it 'self-obliterating' – into this field of endless dots. This was to influence all of her later work.

Year 6 studied a range of her pieces and practised imitating her polka-dot style. For their final pieces, they chose a place or an object that made them feel happy and safe. They created an outline drawing from this and then used pencil colours and felt tips to fill the spaces with a range of Yayoi Kusama's dotty patterning.

Half Term Child Care

If you require child care over half term Funtime is running. For further information or to enquire about a place please email Funtime directly at shaz.funtime@outlook.com or telephone on 07506 030 037.

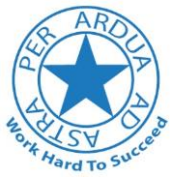
Please see below PTA fundraising initiatives you may want to take advantage of.

With kind regards,

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar
Head teacher

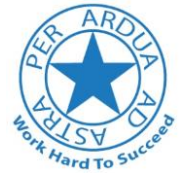
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We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our new easyfundraising page and click 'support us'.

It's easy! Just click here <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gsis/>

You could win £25,000! - GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY - You've got to be in it to win it!

You could be the lucky winner at the same time as raising funds for the school! The next draw is this Saturday 14th January 2023. Only £1 per ticket. Click on the link [Join GSJS School Lottery](#)

